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# INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN TASMANIA.

**This table summarizes the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in the following tables of this publication:—**

Period	Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment (Excluding Rural and Female Private Domestics) (a)			Wholesale Trade—Net Sales Recorded Under Sales Tax	Building Permits Tasmania (b)	New Houses Completed (c)	State Railways—Gross Revenue	Bank Debits to Customers' Accounts (Weekly Average) (d)	P.M.G.'s Department Receipts (e)
	Males	Females	Total	£'000. (f)	£'000. (f)	No. (g)	£ (f)	£'000	£ (f)
1946-47	51,069	16,927	67,996	1,341	280	268	74,394	3,374	71,573
1947-48	54,522	18,027	72,549	1,604	348	386	79,829	3,947	72,990
1948-49	56,802	18,709	75,511	2,068	489	572	87,259	4,699	76,394
1949-50	58,380	19,380	77,760	2,168	698	713	94,915	5,605	88,433
1950-51	60,784	20,366	81,150	2,809	904	979	113,043	7,370	99,312
1951-52	61,756	19,892	81,648	3,525	835	1,000	150,629	8,856	135,685
1952-53	62,201	20,179	82,380	3,440	666	829	170,784	8,850	144,806
1953-54	63,578	21,195	84,773	3,821	902	658	181,608	9,938	157,088
1954-55	65,079	21,839	86,918	4,488	1,067	620	194,359	10,716	165,209
1955-56	65,791	23,225	89,016	4,703	1,036	680	212,064	11,621	175,203
1956-57	65,977	22,925	88,902	5,200	1,290	690	211,021	12,671	199,617
1957-58	67,011	23,470	90,481	5,744	1,135	641	214,103	12,983	223,391
1958-59	67,627	23,348	90,975	6,095	1,150	644	225,550	13,767	234,346
1959-60	69,365	24,176	93,541	6,553	1,632	619	233,482	15,369	272,573
1960-61	68,699	24,119	92,818	6,803	1,265	622	227,704	16,234	302,611
1958-59—									
October	66,603	22,162	88,765	6,254	1,263	{ } 564	236,665	13,318	257,197
November	66,740	22,478	89,218	6,185	1,256		227,315	14,000	235,380
December	67,497	23,143	90,640	6,346	825		223,716	15,547	285,891
January	67,676	23,078	90,754	6,964	1,019		186,584	10,399	223,326
February	68,018	22,857	90,875	6,018	988		233,488	13,870	190,233
March	68,179	23,127	91,306	5,094	1,159		235,245	14,226	180,072
April	68,089	23,691	91,780	7,174	1,280		235,256	15,302	296,986
May	67,885	23,488	91,373	6,457	1,438		235,052	15,621	252,704
June	67,627	23,348	90,975	6,973	1,192		242,301	14,584	259,820
1959-60—									
July	67,827	23,021	90,848	4,797	1,452	{ } 619	236,819	15,525	249,359
August	67,897	22,650	90,547	5,716	1,640		229,709	13,831	203,497
September	68,051	22,764	90,815	6,940	1,390		236,397	14,647	187,583
October	68,590	22,952	91,542	6,205	1,771		249,510	14,125	304,084
November	68,656	23,160	91,816	6,411	2,863		237,813	15,190	276,362
December	68,964	23,731	92,695	6,450	1,940		227,867	17,563	294,571
January	69,867	24,056	93,923	7,272	858		194,981	12,849	260,433
February	69,562	23,877	93,439	6,082	1,367		240,905	14,519	267,746
March	69,676	23,945	93,621	7,096	1,466		268,896	15,838	266,044
April	69,687	24,256	93,943	5,078	1,277		220,637	16,178	284,093
May	69,622	24,286	93,908	8,552	1,669		231,698	17,218	355,435
June	69,365	24,176	93,541	8,042	1,887		226,555	16,941	321,673
1960-61—									
July	69,457	23,997	93,454	5,796	1,219	{ } 633	208,796	17,280	309,419
August	69,447	23,633	93,080	5,946	1,718		247,098	15,133	284,742
September	69,352	23,608	92,960	8,216	1,747		253,465	15,460	238,484
October	69,636	23,606	93,242	5,522	1,007		232,942	16,560	342,282
November	69,807	23,888	93,695	7,798	1,589		246,618	15,814	335,713
December	70,223	24,550	94,773	5,544	1,052		220,464	18,490	284,528
January	70,287	24,125	94,412	7,631	851		176,026	15,124	341,083
February	70,329	24,740	95,069	6,514	1,013		224,472	14,842	294,146
March	70,282	24,654	94,936	6,418	1,071		243,426	16,682	268,399
April	70,034	24,723	94,757	7,439	1,287		208,740	15,937	297,134
May	69,657	24,543	94,200	7,793	1,331		239,766	17,419	344,918
June	69,095	24,295	93,390	7,022	1,292		230,638	16,071	290,488
1961-62—									
July	68,951	23,910	92,861	5,956	1,776	{ } 534	202,433	16,449	333,161
August	68,888	23,718	92,606	6,659	2,588		220,302	13,962	298,491
September	68,656	23,450	92,106	5,865	1,921		214,237	14,531	279,510
October	68,477	23,391	91,868	6,919	1,191		228,351	16,176	325,644
November	68,823	23,676	92,499	6,619	1,150		234,096	14,736	328,583
December	69,580	24,197	93,777	4,922	1,473		199,582	16,925	302,302
January	69,514	23,751	93,265	8,439	1,158		204,824	13,490	330,845
February	69,632	24,339	93,971	5,896	1,428		234,764	15,198	302,388
March	69,831	24,714	94,545	6,929	2,558		266,074	17,551	297,987
April	(h)	(h)	(h)	4,862	897		(h)	(h)	307,876

(a) Excludes permanent Defence Forces in Australia or Overseas and National Service trainees in camp. (See Note (b) on page 4.) Figures shown opposite financial years are for the month of June.

(b) Includes permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorised by government authorities.

(c) Includes owner-built houses.

(d) Cheque-paying banks. Compiled from returns lodged

under Banking Acts 1945-53 and 1959. Averages of four or five weeks ended last Wednesday in period. Excludes debits to Government accounts at city branches.

(e) Actual collections.

(f) Monthly averages for annual periods; and monthly totals.

(g) Quarterly averages for years and quarterly totals.

(h) Not yet available.

**TASMANIA: WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT(a)**

Month	Total Civilian Employees (excluding Rural, Female Private Domestics and Defence Forces).			Total Civilian Employees in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Govern- mental Authorities (b)	Private Employers	Total	Mining and Quarrying	Factories (c)	Building and Con- struction	Transport and Com- munication	Retail Trade	Other Commerce and Finance	Professional and Personal Service (d)
MALES.										
1949—June	15,613	41,189	56,802	2,715	18,070	8,877	7,746	3,405	5,030	5,548
1950—June	16,779	41,601	58,380	2,757	18,365	9,370	8,243	3,474	5,164	5,734
1951—June	18,774	42,010	60,784	2,758	18,638	10,263	8,471	3,466	5,350	5,846
1952—June	18,863	42,893	61,756	2,890	18,689	10,300	8,743	3,486	5,497	5,976
1953—June	19,452	42,749	62,201	3,189	18,488	10,700	8,444	3,569	5,558	6,034
1954—June	20,029	43,549	63,578	3,061	19,581	10,400	8,685	3,566	5,697	6,186
1955—June	21,170	43,909	65,079	3,035	20,096	10,400	9,134	3,629	5,970	6,217
1956—June	20,229	45,562	65,791	3,052	21,591	8,800	9,565	3,629	6,137	6,514
1957—June	20,637	45,340	65,977	3,043	21,244	8,900	9,607	3,717	6,066	6,781
1958—June	21,922	45,089	67,011	2,833	21,914	9,400	9,545	3,558	6,134	6,871
1959—June	22,099	45,528	67,627	2,773	22,446	9,200	9,651	3,579	6,164	6,928
1960—June	22,061	47,304	69,365	2,850	23,486	8,900	9,748	3,673	6,503	7,157
1961—June	21,798	47,297	69,095	2,885	23,483	8,500	9,890	3,613	6,588	7,124
1961—Jan.	21,431	48,856	70,287	2,844	24,215	8,900	9,813	3,657	6,620	6,997
Feb.	21,525	48,804	70,329	2,789	24,056	8,900	9,935	3,657	6,703	7,074
Mar.	21,500	48,782	70,282	2,826	23,920	8,900	10,004	3,643	6,746	7,124
1962—Jan.	21,775	47,739	69,514	2,915	24,015	8,300	9,510	3,520	6,746	7,248
Feb.	22,029	47,603	69,632	2,823	23,862	8,300	9,598	3,563	6,786	7,389
Mar.	22,354	47,477	69,831	2,833	23,759	8,400	9,770	3,503	6,830	7,427
FEMALES.										
1949—June	3,491	15,218	18,709	35	4,439	72	1,088	3,480	1,343	7,465
1950—June	3,653	15,727	19,380	39	4,600	87	1,090	3,597	1,434	7,727
1951—June	4,031	16,335	20,366	55	4,662	101	1,205	3,899	1,579	7,922
1952—June	4,243	15,649	19,892	51	4,097	108	1,297	3,641	1,669	8,074
1953—June	4,362	15,817	20,179	50	4,114	122	1,227	3,646	1,724	8,317
1954—June	4,644	16,551	21,195	51	4,750	122	1,251	3,849	1,785	8,402
1955—June	4,943	16,896	21,839	56	4,768	127	1,310	4,152	1,954	8,463
1956—June	5,197	18,028	23,225	66	5,503	124	1,373	4,223	2,099	8,801
1957—June	5,446	17,479	22,925	75	5,161	124	1,379	4,134	2,046	8,930
1958—June	5,669	17,801	23,470	63	5,335	131	1,393	4,139	2,092	9,211
1959—June	5,715	17,633	23,348	62	5,122	130	1,395	4,202	2,121	9,199
1960—June	5,909	18,267	24,176	68	5,544	131	1,375	4,258	2,225	9,398
1961—June	6,059	18,236	24,295	79	5,298	123	1,378	4,490	2,256	9,431
1961—Jan.	5,588	18,537	24,125	77	5,445	135	1,386	4,637	2,246	8,971
Feb.	6,085	18,655	24,740	79	5,511	135	1,407	4,587	2,269	9,513
Mar.	6,060	18,594	24,654	75	5,406	138	1,405	4,575	2,306	9,528
1962—Jan.	5,750	18,001	23,751	77	5,168	123	1,300	4,283	2,265	9,275
Feb.	6,079	18,260	24,339	74	5,322	124	1,305	4,321	2,303	9,627
Mar.	6,131	18,583	24,714	79	5,716	123	1,317	4,297	2,292	9,635
PERSONS.										
1949—June	19,104	56,407	75,511	2,750	22,509	8,949	8,834	6,885	6,373	13,013
1950—June	20,432	57,328	77,760	2,796	22,965	9,457	9,333	7,071	6,598	13,461
1951—June	22,805	58,345	81,150	2,813	23,300	10,364	9,676	7,365	6,929	13,768
1952—June	23,106	58,542	81,648	2,941	22,786	10,408	10,040	7,127	7,166	14,050
1953—June	23,814	58,566	82,380	3,239	22,602	10,822	9,671	7,215	7,282	14,351
1954—June	24,673	60,100	84,773	3,112	24,331	10,522	9,936	7,415	7,482	14,588
1955—June	26,113	60,805	86,918	3,091	24,864	10,527	10,444	7,781	7,924	14,680
1956—June	25,426	63,590	89,016	3,118	27,094	8,924	10,938	7,852	8,236	15,315
1957—June	26,083	62,819	88,902	3,118	26,405	9,024	10,986	7,851	8,112	15,711
1958—June	27,591	62,890	90,481	2,896	27,249	9,531	10,938	7,697	8,226	16,082
1959—June	27,814	63,161	90,975	2,835	27,568	9,330	11,046	7,781	8,285	16,127
1960—June	27,970	65,571	93,541	2,918	29,030	9,031	11,123	7,931	8,728	16,555
1961—June	27,857	65,533	93,390	2,964	28,781	8,623	11,268	8,103	8,844	16,555
1961—Jan.	27,019	67,393	94,412	2,921	29,660	9,035	11,199	8,294	8,866	15,968
Feb.	27,610	67,459	95,069	2,868	29,567	9,035	11,342	8,244	8,972	16,587
Mar.	27,560	67,376	94,936	2,901	29,326	9,038	11,409	8,218	9,052	16,652
1962—Jan.	27,525	65,740	93,265	2,992	29,183	8,423	10,810	7,803	9,011	16,523
Feb.	28,108	65,863	93,971	2,897	29,184	8,424	10,903	7,884	9,089	17,016
Mar.	28,485	66,060	94,545	2,912	29,475	8,523	11,087	7,800	9,122	17,062

(a) Excludes permanent Defence Forces in Australia and overseas and National Service trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is obtained from annual Factory Censuses, returns of Government Employment, Pay-roll Tax returns, and other direct collections.

(b) Includes employees of Government Authorities (Commonwealth, State, and Local), on services such as

railways, tramways, banks, post-office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, &c., as well as administrative employees.

(c) As recorded at the annual Censuses of Factories to June, 1960, with interim estimates for subsequent months.

(d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, other Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestics).

# UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS: TASMANIA.

Period	Unemployment Benefits (a)				Sickness Benefits (a)	
	No. of Persons Admitted to Benefit (b)	No. of Persons on Benefit at End of Month (c)	Benefit Payments During Month		No. of Persons on Benefit at End of Month (c)	Benefit Payments During Month
			No.	£		
MONTHLY AVERAGES.						
1953-54 .....	111	212	3,549		235	4,560
1954-55 .....	40	81	1,329		233	4,310
1955-56 .....	38	57	830		228	4,242
1956-57 .....	107	134	1,920		229	3,936
1957-58 .....	291	512	8,652		232	4,895
1958-59 .....	309	611	11,239		248	5,823
1959-60 .....	265	561	10,080		247	5,640
1960-61 .....	333	576	9,544		250	5,564
MONTHLY TOTALS.						
1960-61—						
May .....	664	998	14,298		231	5,567
June .....	764	1,336	25,076		269	7,037
1961-62—						
July .....	1,063	1,814	26,320		241	6,543
August .....	891	2,023	30,619		257	5,052
September .....	998	2,182	34,688		271	6,241
October .....	536	1,673	43,348		254	7,349
November .....	487	1,575	31,947		249	6,112
December .....	475	1,398	27,730		229	6,415
January .....	484	1,385	23,054		225	6,127
February .....	676	1,225	27,901		246	6,602
March .....	473	913	23,654		258	7,528
April .....	525	1,093	16,104		266	5,723

(a) Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of Part VII of the *Social Services Act*, 1947-1958.

(b) Four or five weekly period ending last Saturday of month.

(c) Last Saturday of month.

## POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS: TASMANIA.

Period	Births		Deaths		Marriages		Population at end of Period (b)	Increase in Population During Period (c)
	Number	Rate (a)	Number	Rate (a)	Number	Rate (a)		
<b>Year ended 31st December—</b>								
1948 .....	6,979	26.49	2,528	9.60	2,428	9.22	273,401	5,465
1949 .....	7,110	26.30	2,389	8.84	2,422	8.96	281,343	7,942
1950 .....	7,242	25.98	2,466	8.85	2,560	9.18	290,333	8,990
1951 .....	7,357	25.52	2,567	8.90	2,607	9.04	301,787	11,454
1952 .....	7,916	26.53	2,579	8.64	2,553	8.56	309,558	7,771
1953 .....	7,736	25.25	2,551	8.33	2,424	7.91	316,465	6,907
1954 .....	7,770	24.98	2,696	8.68	2,512	8.08	319,218	2,753
1955 .....	8,089	25.63	2,489	7.89	2,600	8.24	324,919	5,701
1956 .....	8,104	25.24	2,513	7.83	2,601	8.10	331,340	6,421
1957 .....	8,435	25.68	2,670	8.13	2,507	7.63	338,807	7,467
1958 .....	8,568	25.55	2,708	8.07	2,475	7.38	343,898	5,091
1959 .....	8,625	25.26	2,780	8.14	2,567	7.52	351,349	7,451
1960 .....	8,853	25.52	2,670	7.70	2,713	7.82	355,969	4,620
1961 .....	8,982	25.40	2,789	7.89	2,677	7.57	364,126	8,157
<b>Quarter ended—</b>								
Dec., 1959 .....	2,192	25.38	607	7.03	718	8.31	351,349	11,775
Mar., 1960 .....	2,170	24.88	633	7.26	685	7.86	346,263	-5,086
June, 1960 .....	2,216	25.69	642	7.44	728	8.44	343,910	-2,353
Sept., 1960 .....	2,312	26.82	756	8.77	564	6.54	345,691	1,781
Dec., 1960 .....	2,155	24.57	639	7.29	736	8.39	355,969	10,278
Mar., 1961 .....	2,364	26.68	677	7.64	693	7.82	352,992	-2,977
June, 1961 .....	2,192	24.93	698	7.94	671	7.63	350,340	-2,652
Sept., 1961 .....	2,353	26.78	769	8.75	570	6.49	352,645	2,305
Dec., 1961 .....	2,073	23.14	645	7.20	743	8.29	364,126	11,481

(a) Rate per 1,000 of mean population.

(b) Population estimates for periods subsequent to the Census of 30th June, 1961, represent the population ascertained at the census plus natural increase and recorded net immigration since that date. As complete records of interstate migration are not avail-

able, the estimated population since 30th June, 1961, is approximate.

(c) Includes natural increase and net migration. See also note (b).

(d) Equivalent annual rates.

# VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN TASMANIA: COMMODITY GROUPS.

£'000.

NOTE.—The figures in this table may differ slightly from corresponding data published elsewhere due to rounding processes.

Period	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (a)	Beer, Wine, Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Piece-goods, Footwear.	Hardware (b)	Electrical Goods (c)	Furniture	Other Goods (d)	Total (Excluding Motor Vehicles, &c.)	Motor Vehicles Parts, Petrol (e)
QUARTERLY AVERAGES.											
1948-49 (f) ....	1,210	580	780	760	1,880	380	250	330	1,130	7,300	1,360
1952-53 (f) ....	2,160	1,140	1,490	1,340	3,220	790	570	610	2,400	13,720	3,436
1953-54 ....	2,300	1,290	1,610	1,370	3,330	820	670	630	2,620	14,640	4,290
1954-55 ....	2,490	1,270	1,600	1,540	3,520	1,910	760	700	2,880	15,770	5,110
1955-56 ....	2,710	1,340	1,850	1,670	3,660	1,080	810	770	2,920	16,810	5,500
1956-57 (f) ....	2,920	1,390	1,880	1,750	3,790	1,130	790	800	3,040	17,490	5,720
1957-58 (g) ..	2,990	1,400	1,940	1,720	3,680	1,120	680	800	3,140	17,470	6,050
1958-59 (g) ..	3,050	1,530	2,060	1,810	4,040	1,220	790	800	3,340	18,640	6,170
1959-60 (g) ..	3,180	1,530	2,180	1,910	4,380	1,360	1,100	930	3,590	20,160	6,820
1960-61 (g) ..	3,490	1,700	2,520	1,940	4,480	1,390	1,370	900	4,040	21,830	7,170
QUARTERLY TOTALS.											
1959-60 (g)—											
Sept. Qr. ....	3,010	1,520	2,040	1,790	3,930	1,240	800	870	3,220	18,420	6,460
Dec. Qr. ....	3,300	1,510	2,270	1,940	5,160	1,560	1,180	1,140	3,990	22,050	7,300
Mar. Qr. ....	3,210	1,480	2,240	2,010	3,800	1,260	1,060	800	3,520	19,380	6,580
June Qr. ....	3,210	1,610	2,170	1,910	4,640	1,370	1,370	890	3,640	20,810	6,920
1960-61 (g)—											
Sept. Qr. ....	3,340	1,650	2,350	1,780	4,240	1,380	1,310	960	3,810	20,820	7,580
Dec. Qr. ....	3,760	1,700	2,660	2,030	5,200	1,640	1,520	1,090	4,620	24,220	8,090
Mar. Qr. ....	3,570	1,610	2,650	2,070	3,820	1,250	1,280	770	3,940	20,960	6,380
June Qr. ....	3,540	1,680	2,460	1,860	4,620	1,280	1,340	810	3,800	21,390	6,260
1961-62 (g)—											
Sept. Qr. ....	3,490	1,690	2,420	1,820	4,050	1,280	1,270	790	3,820	20,630	6,450
Dec. Qr. ....	3,820	1,650	2,640	2,160	5,200	1,550	1,490	1,060	4,640	24,210	7,190

(a) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, &c., but excludes some delivered milk and bread.

(b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. timber, roofing tiles, &c.).

(c) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, &c.

(d) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, &c., newspapers, books, stationery, chemists goods, grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, &c.

(e) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth moving equipment, &c.

(f) Census figures.

(g) Subject to revision.

## RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES, TASMANIA.

NOTE.—The following statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail, but do not retail goods themselves. Except in the case of balances outstanding, particulars of agreements originally made between retailers and customers and subsequently assigned to finance businesses are not included.

Period	Number of New Agreements Made	Total Value of Goods (a) (£'000)	Amount Financed (b)		Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sales Financed (Per Cent)	Balances Outstanding at end of each period (c) (£'000)
			Total (£'000)	Average per Agreement (£)		
<b>Motor Vehicles, Tractors, &amp;c.</b>						
1958-59—Quarterly Av.	3,825	2,620	1,586	415	61	
1959-60—Quarterly Av.	3,978	2,750	1,691	425	61	
1960-61—Quarterly Av.	3,288	2,443	1,508	459	62	
1959-60—June Qr. ....	3,624	2,594	1,598	441	62	
1960-61—Sept. Qr. ....	4,076	2,887	1,821	447	63	
Dec. Qr. ....	3,821	2,882	1,778	465	62	
Mar. Qr. ....	2,583	2,085	1,271	492	61	
June Qr. ....	2,674	1,918	1,162	435	61	
<b>Industrial Plant and Machinery, &amp;c.</b>						
1958-59—Quarterly Av.	192	122	76	396	62	
1959-60—Quarterly Av.	249	189	126	506	67	
1960-61—Quarterly Av.	313	254	165	527	65	
1959-60—June Qr. ....	282	181	127	450	70	
1960-61—Sept. Qr. ....	377	251	170	451	68	
Dec. Qr. ....	377	390	258	684	66	
Mar. Qr. ....	277	165	101	365	61	
June Qr. ....	220	210	131	595	62	
<b>Household and Personal Goods</b>						
1958-59—Quarterly Av.	4,383	342	264	60	77	
1959-60—Quarterly Av.	4,000	370	289	72	78	
1960-61—Quarterly Av.	3,834	458	357	93	78	
1959-60—June Qr. ....	3,605	429	337	93	79	
1960-61—Sept. Qr. ....	4,380	569	443	101	78	
Dec. Qr. ....	4,435	497	388	87	78	
Mar. Qr. ....	3,677	427	337	92	79	
June Qr. ....	2,842	340	261	92	77	
<b>Total All Goods</b>						
1958-59—Quarterly Av.	8,400	3,084	1,925	229	62	(e) 10,696
1959-60—Quarterly Av.	8,227	3,309	2,106	256	64	(e) 11,872
1960-61—Quarterly Av.	7,435	3,155	2,030	273	64	(e) 12,310
1959-60—June Qr. ....	7,511	3,204	2,062	275	64	11,872
1960-61—Sept. Qr. ....	8,833	3,707	2,434	276	66	12,622
Dec. Qr. ....	8,633	3,769	2,424	281	64	13,192
Mar. Qr. ....	6,537	2,677	1,709	261	64	12,933
June Qr. ....	5,736	2,468	1,554	271	63	12,310

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

(c) Includes hiring charges and insurance.

(d) Separate details not available.

(e) Balances at 30th June.

**OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE IMPORTS BY SEA AND AIR—TASMANIA  
PRINCIPAL COMMODITY GROUPS.**

£A'000.

Period	Food and Drink	Tobacco and Cigarettes	Drapery Clothing and Textiles	Petroleum and Shale Oils	Ores and Concentrates	Metals and Metal Manufactures	Machinery (Including Electrical)	Chemicals, Drugs and Fertilizers	Total Imports
8-39 (a) ....	2,266	479	1,793	443	318	2,393	958	419	11,502
1-52 ....	9,648	2,374	9,398	2,541	2,069	15,365	10,336	1,969	68,960
2-53 ....	9,650	2,647	8,377	2,770	2,852	13,158	9,730	2,036	61,613
3-54 ....	10,990	2,944	9,486	2,735	2,475	14,455	9,230	2,228	67,850
4-55 ....	11,933	3,016	8,704	3,387	2,803	16,216	8,297	2,540	69,682
5-56 ....	11,125	3,056	8,980	3,178	3,109	17,083	8,959	2,971	72,829
6-57 ....	11,420	3,467	9,293	4,523	3,388	16,633	8,860	2,946	76,786
7-58 ....	10,869	3,885	8,620	4,937	2,837	18,137	9,692	3,089	79,112
8-59 ....	12,766	4,383	9,177	4,847	3,192	19,447	9,466	3,702	83,615
9-60 ....	13,132	3,676	9,568	5,446	2,798	24,125	10,079	3,393	88,415
0-61 ....	13,813	5,504	10,096	4,923	3,945	26,586	13,150	3,749	99,226
ee months ended Sept.—									
1960 ....	3,434	997	2,096	1,386	1,005	6,286	2,992	991	23,057
1961 ....	3,245	1,218	1,799	1,060	960	4,718	2,059	805	18,446
1-62—									
July ....	1,145	251	487	467	160	1,337	794	280	5,969
August ....	960	481	689	443	449	1,585	666	281	6,396
September ....	1,140	486	623	150	351	1,796	599	244	6,081

(a) Excludes imports by air, details of which are not available.

**OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE EXPORTS BY SEA AND AIR—TASMANIA  
SELECTED COMMODITY GROUPS.**

£A'000.

Period	Food and Drink			Greasy Wool (a)	Apparel, Textiles and Manufactured Fibres	Ores and Concentrates	Refined Metals (b)	Timber	Total Exports.						
	Fresh and Preserved		Butter												
	Fruit	Vegetables													
3-39 (c) ....	1,950	1,057	360	1,634	773	961	976	2,023	571	12,233					
1-52 ....	5,559	3,629	633	5,803	4,683	3,905	5,857	11,160	2,214	57,363					
2-53 ....	7,229	3,597	901	6,696	6,015	5,973	4,861	11,820	2,561	64,034					
3-54 ....	6,417	3,445	800	6,751	5,657	6,921	4,613	10,724	3,350	65,267					
4-55 ....	5,816	3,333	1,513	7,247	6,095	6,648	4,813	10,241	3,578	68,697					
5-56 ....	7,471	4,360	1,731	7,954	5,570	7,581	5,981	11,236	3,488	80,006					
6-57 ....	5,867	5,257	1,726	8,177	8,099	8,107	5,350	11,751	3,643	85,885					
7-58 ....	8,895	3,557	1,710	7,982	7,130	8,288	4,044	11,835	3,390	86,256					
8-59 ....	7,423	4,170	2,414	9,696	6,053	7,526	2,414	12,898	3,742	87,970					
9-60 ....	6,429	3,414	2,695	11,359	7,627	9,613	2,976	14,341	4,768	103,034					
0-61 ....	7,200	3,447	1,649	12,214	6,253	10,097	3,380	13,451	4,777	103,783					
Months ended Dec.—															
1960 ....	1,258	1,770	731	6,853	398	3,934	1,805	7,770	2,644	44,418					
1961 ....	1,295	1,314	959	5,217	1,149	3,851	1,133	7,514	1,955	41,752					
1-62—															
July ....	342	100	...	902	211	535	297	1,177	305	6,438					
August ....	215	64	52	809	66	528	89	1,729	356	6,700					
September ....	189	163	109	862	33	282	278	1,092	381	6,538					
October ....	227	75	112	988	21	586	134	1,541	353	7,077					
November ....	166	54	248	814	83	1,021	195	1,194	335	7,033					
December ....	156	858	438	842	735	899	140	781	225	7,966					

Excludes greasy wool exported on skins.

Excludes aluminium, details of which are not available for publication.

(c) Excludes exports by air, details of which are not available.

# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: HOBART; WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX: AUSTRALIA.

Period	Consumer Price Index—Hobart (a) (Base of Each Index—Year 1952-53 = 100)						Wholesale Price Index—Australia (Base: Average three years ended June, 1939 = 100)			
	Food	Clothing and Drapery	Housing	Household Supplies and Equipment	Miscellaneous	All Groups	Period	Goods Principally Imported (b)	Goods Principally Home-produced (c)	All Groups (c)
Year ended June—							1938-39	99	100	100
1951	67.3	78.4	79.8	77.2	72.6	73.3	1952-53	292	331	319
1952	87.1	94.3	88.3	92.3	91.7	90.4	1953-54	271	339	319
1953	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1954-55	277	340	322
1954	107.9	101.8	107.1	103.0	103.9	105.9	1955-56	292	352	334
1955	107.1	102.0	110.7	103.7	102.0	104.9	1956-57	311	357	344
1956	113.7	103.3	121.9	108.6	106.8	110.2	1957-58	301	355	339
1957	118.6	106.1	133.3	115.2	118.5	116.9	1958-59	283	358	336
1958	115.1	108.7	137.3	116.0	119.5	117.0	1959-60	281	375	348
1959	116.8	109.8	141.3	116.8	121.2	118.7	1960-61	278	394	360
1960	118.5	110.7	148.5	118.5	123.3	120.8	1960-61—April	277	394	359
1961	132.1	112.4	156.6	121.1	126.2	127.5	May	277	389	356
							June	274	386	353
Quarter—							1961-62—July	275	377	347
1960—March	117.8	110.8	150.1	118.4	123.3	120.8	Aug.	274	371	348
June	121.4	111.6	151.7	120.1	123.7	122.6	Sept.	272	366	338
Sept.	128.4	111.6	153.7	121.3	125.7	125.8	Oct.	271	357	332
Dec.	131.7	112.3	155.9	120.3	125.9	127.1	Nov.	272	354	330
1961—March	133.9	112.5	158.0	120.8	126.7	128.3	Dec.	270	358	332
June	134.4	113.3	158.9	121.9	126.5	128.9	Jan.	268	361	334
Sept.	132.9	113.4	160.8	124.9	127.1	129.1	Feb.	267	362	334
Dec.	129.5	114.0	163.7	124.1	127.0	128.3	Mar.	269	360	333
1962—March	127.2	114.2	164.6	123.9	126.8	127.5	April	267	361	333

(a) For current statistical purposes this index replaces both the "C" Series Retail Price Index and the Interim Retail Price Index.

(b) This index does not measure changes in price of all imports.

(c) The indexes for "Goods Principally Home-produced" and "All Groups" have been reconstructed as from the base period by excluding potatoes and onions. For April, 1962, indexes comparable with those previously published, including potatoes and onions, were, Goods Principally Home-produced, 359; All Groups, 332.

## BASIC WAGE RATES: HOBART; TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS: TASMANIA

Date of Operation (a)	Basic Wage: Hobart—Adult Males and Females (Weekly Rates)				Average Weekly Total Wages Paid and Average Earnings			
	Commonwealth Awards		State Wages Boards' Awards (b)		Period	Average Weekly Total Wages Paid (e)	Average Weekly Earnings Per Employed Male Unit (e)	£'000
	Males	Females	Males	Females				
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.				£
September, 1939	77 0	42 0	77 0	42 0	1952-53	1,199	14.80	
November, 1947	107 0	58 0	107 0	58 0	1953-54	1,305	15.78	
November, 1948	118 0	63 6	118 0	63 6	1954-55	1,399	16.54	
November, 1949	128 0	69 0	128 0	69 0	1955-56	1,521	17.75	
November, 1950	139 0	75 0	139 0	75 0	1956-57	1,635	18.79	
December, 1950	(c) 160 0	(c) 120 0	160 0	120 0	1957-58	1,671	18.95	
November, 1951	199 0	149 0	199 0	149 0	1958-59	1,725	19.33	
May, 1952	214 0	160 6	214 0	160 6	1959-60	1,878	20.71	
August, 1952	222 0	166 6	222 0	166 6	1960-61	1,969	21.42	
November, 1952	230 0	172 6	230 0	172 6	1959-60—			
February, 1953	232 0	174 0	232 0	174 0	March Qtr.	1,842	20.10	
May, 1953	239 0	179 0	239 0	179 0	June Qtr.	2,016	21.98	
August, 1953	(d) 242 0	(d) 181 6	(d) 242 0	(d) 181 6	1960-61—			
November, 1953	242 0	181 6	242 0	181 6	Sept. Qtr.	1,888	20.71	
February, 1956	242 0	181 6	259 0	194 3	Dec. Qtr.	2,002	21.78	
May, 1956	242 0	181 6	268 0	201 0	March Qtr.	1,945	21.00	
June, 1956	(c) 252 0	(c) 189 0	268 0	201 0	June Qtr.	2,040	22.18	
August, 1956	252 0	189 0	272 0	204 0	1961-62—			
May, 1957	(c) 262 0	(c) 196 6	272 0	204 0	Sept. Qtr.	1,937	21.40	
May, 1958	(c) 267 0	(c) 200 0	272 0	204 0	Dec. Qtr.	2,069	22.78	
June, 1959	(c) 282 0	(c) 211 6	282 0	211 6	March Qtr.	2,033	22.11	
July, 1961	(c) 294 0	(c) 220 6	294 0	220 6				

(a) Operative as from beginning of first pay period commencing in month shown.

(b) No state basic wage declared; Commonwealth rates followed to a large extent except between February, 1956 and June, 1959.

(c) Increase granted by Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission as a result of a Basic Wage Inquiry.

(d) Automatic quarterly adjustments of basic wages discontinued in September, 1953 in Commonwealth Awards and in State Wages Boards' Awards also except for the period February, 1956 to August, 1956 inclusive.

(e) Derived from employment and wages recorded on pay-roll tax returns, from other direct collections and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Excludes Defence Forces.

# BUILDING PERMITS: TASMANIA.

NOTE.—Private building permits shown below relate to permits issued by local government authorities. Government figures relate to contracts let and day labour projects commenced by governmental authorities.

Period	New Houses (a)				Other Buildings, including alterations and additions		Totals		
	Private		Government		Private	Government	Private	Government	Grand Total
	No.	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000

## HOBART AND SUBURBS.

### ANNUAL TOTALS.

1952-53	678	2,012	212	454	918	294	2,930	748	3,678
1953-54	675	2,085	282	709	1,700	511	3,785	1,220	5,005
1954-55	679	2,220	352	917	1,813	915	4,033	1,832	5,865
1955-56	691	2,343	232	623	1,950	362	4,293	985	5,278
1956-57	757	2,617	284	815	2,362	581	4,979	1,396	6,375
1957-58	645	2,315	312	899	1,946	1,727	4,261	2,626	6,887
1958-59	634	2,309	266	816	1,519	1,604	3,828	2,420	6,248
1959-60	617	2,396	261	849	3,791	3,125	6,187	3,974	10,161
1960-61	569	2,318	250	811	2,433	1,302	4,751	2,113	6,864

### MONTHLY TOTALS.

1961-62—September	50	192	24	53	145	63	337	116	453
October	39	153	33	99	174	46	327	145	472
November	54	229	37	107	150	36	379	143	522
December	29	122	16	63	313	31	435	94	529
January	29	101	17	66	177	416	278	482	760
February	46	213	26	102	101	3	314	105	419
March	59	229	17	58	284	12	513	70	583
April	36	153	21	62	67	57	220	119	339
May	43	176	22	66	268	122	444	188	632

## LAUNCESTON AND SUBURBS.

### ANNUAL TOTALS.

1952-53	230	567	80	206	370	51	937	257	1,194
1953-54	384	1,013	176	485	812	176	1,825	661	2,486
1954-55	425	1,180	175	428	677	108	1,857	536	2,393
1955-56	377	1,128	120	312	775	76	1,903	388	2,291
1956-57	404	1,300	119	316	1,415	161	2,715	477	3,192
1957-58	365	1,177	28	66	689	148	1,866	214	2,080
1958-59	395	1,299	42	104	788	276	2,087	380	2,467
1959-60	420	1,452	23	70	1,099	361	2,551	431	2,982
1960-61	379	1,411	22	66	963	490	2,374	556	2,930

### MONTHLY TOTALS.

1961-62—September	30	124	6	13	43	1	167	14	181
October	36	125	11	27	22	12	147	39	186
November	38	148	12	27	34	19	182	46	228
December	25	98	...	...	47	21	145	21	166
January	26	96	7	18	31	8	127	26	153
February	23	93	...	...	142	10	235	10	245
March	34	135	5	14	91	1,150	226	1,164	1,390
April	31	114	1	7	32	23	146	30	176
May	47	163	12	26	118	19	281	45	326

## OTHER AREAS.

### ANNUAL TOTALS.

1952-53	1,023	1,823	79	169	859	269	2,682	438	3,120
1953-54	941	1,833	101	267	725	507	2,558	774	3,332
1954-55	923	1,955	146	416	1,163	1,014	3,118	1,430	4,548
1955-56	1,058	2,406	177	540	1,272	644	3,678	1,184	4,862
1956-57	1,073	2,608	86	276	1,187	1,842	3,795	2,118	5,913
1957-58	972	2,315	150	475	1,172	687	3,487	1,162	4,649
1958-59	900	2,198	169	506	1,307	1,070	3,505	1,576	5,081
1959-60	1,057	2,743	168	556	1,895	1,242	4,638	1,798	6,436
1960-61	912	2,507	141	482	1,519	967	4,026	1,449	5,475

### MONTHLY TOTALS.

1961-62—September	82	222	21	55	909	101	1,131	156	1,287
October	74	203	10	33	79	218	282	251	533
November	80	203	1	6	120	77	323	77	400
December	85	225	13	34	80	439	305	473	778
January	62	154	...	...	57	34	211	34	245
February	78	202	6	15	463	84	665	99	764
March	97	289	59	163	93	40	382	203	585
April	95	222	16	56	56	48	278	104	382
May	91	264	18	56	97	102	361	158	519

(a) Excludes flats which are included with "Other Buildings".

**NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS (a): TASMANIA**  
**(Including Owner-built Houses.)**

Period	Commenced			Completed			Under Construction at End of Period		
	New Houses	Flats (a)	Total Houses and Flats	New Houses	Flats (a)	Total Houses and Flats	New Houses	Flats (a)	Total Houses and Flats
1955-56 .....	2,490	34	2,524	2,721	49	2,770	2,305	70	2,375
1956-57 .....	2,591	69	2,660	2,759	105	2,864	2,137	34	2,171
1957-58 .....	2,378	85	2,463	2,566	41	2,607	1,949	78	2,027
1958-59 .....	2,563	206	2,769	2,577	131	2,708	1,935	153	2,088
1959-60 .....	2,357	184	2,541	2,475	197	2,672	1,817	140	1,957
1960-61 .....	2,248	129	2,377	2,487	175	2,662	1,578	94	1,672
Quarterly Totals									
1959-60—									
Mar. Qr. ....	539	43	582	613	39	652	1,803	215	2,018
June Qr. ....	640	25	665	626	100	726	1,817	140	1,957
1960-61—									
Sept. Qr. ....	653	49	702	633	43	676	1,837	146	1,983
Dec. Qr. ....	524	30	554	711	24	735	1,650	152	1,802
Mar. Qr. ....	561	22	583	526	26	552	1,685	148	1,833
June Qr. ....	510	28	538	617	82	699	1,578	94	1,672
1961-62—									
Sept. Qr. ....	644	20	664	534	57	591	1,688	57	1,745
Dec. Qr. ....	558	72	630	602	20	622	1,644	109	1,753
Mar. Qr. ....	619	19	638	616	27	643	1,647	101	1,748

(a) Individual Living Units. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversion of old buildings into flats are omitted. Figures for flats include "Home Units."

**VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS: TASMANIA.**  
**(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)**  
**(£'000.)**

Period	Commenced			Completed			Under Construction at End of Period		
	Houses and Flats	Other Buildings	Total	Houses and Flats	Other Buildings	Total	Houses and Flats	Other Buildings	Total
1955-56 .....	6,921	2,968	9,889	7,569	5,229	12,798	6,615	3,249	9,864
1956-57 .....	7,569	6,569	14,138	8,217	4,392	12,609	6,210	5,875	12,085
1957-58 .....	7,490	5,243	12,733	7,922	4,918	12,840	5,933	6,013	11,946
1958-59 .....	8,331	6,078	14,409	7,993	5,457	13,450	6,371	6,682	13,053
1959-60 .....	7,917	10,326	18,243	8,285	7,518	15,803	6,013	9,578	15,591
1960-61 .....	7,968	6,172	14,140	8,603	8,411	17,014	5,456	7,508	12,964
Quarterly Totals									
1959-60—									
Mar. Qr. ....	1,874	2,480	4,354	1,987	1,870	3,857	6,230	9,706	15,936
June Qr. ....	2,168	2,541	4,709	2,370	2,675	5,045	6,013	9,578	15,591
1960-61—									
Sept. Qr. ....	2,355	1,888	4,243	2,144	1,107	3,251	6,259	10,357	16,616
Dec. Qr. ....	1,779	810	2,589	2,329	2,184	4,513	5,731	9,146	14,877
Mar. Qr. ....	2,018	1,638	3,656	1,795	2,099	3,894	5,965	8,693	14,658
June Qr. ....	1,816	1,836	3,652	2,335	3,021	5,356	5,456	7,508	12,964
1961-62—									
Sept. Qr. ....	2,215	2,545	4,760	2,021	2,104	4,125	5,664	7,987	13,651
Dec. Qr. ....	1,991	1,985	3,976	2,079	2,395	4,474	5,597	7,579	13,176
Mar. Qr. ....	2,029	1,779	3,808	1,981	2,487	4,468	5,524	6,883	12,407

**REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS—TASMANIA.**  
**(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)**

Month.	Property Sales—Number and Total Consideration				Number and Amount of Mortgages							
					Registered				Discharged (a)			
	1946		1961		1962		1946		1961		1962	
	No.	£'000	No.	£'000	No.	£'000	No.	£'000	No.	£'000	No.	£'000
January ..	497	242	756	1,998	628	1,513	170	116	615	1,412	550	1,261
February ..	593	300	687	2,010	596	1,208	206	143	576	1,385	517	931
March ..	575	317	741	1,814	780	1,788	173	141	623	1,456	602	1,174
April ..	581	368	623	1,363	675	1,582	197	174	539	1,097	540	1,080
May ..	727	363	866	2,031	751	1,565	254	154	754	1,633	766	1,511
June ..	568	347	789	1,770			240	186	662	1,471		
July ..	559	363	785	2,104			246	213	615	1,042		
August ..	698	494	866	1,912			277	193	730	1,414		
September ..	672	404	797	1,873			310	240	709	1,627		
October ..	511	297	860	2,051			234	206	632	1,367		
November ..	594	460	717	1,727			269	278	603	1,297		
December ..	556	384	715	1,677			218	168	598	1,295		
Year ..	7,131	4,339	9,202	22,330			2,794	2,212	7,656	16,496		
January to May ..	2,973	1,590	3,673	9,216	3,430	7,656	1,000	728	3,107	6,983	2,975	5,957
											1,433	881
											2,068	2,713
											2,084	2,935

(a) Excludes partial discharges.

## MISCELLANEOUS INDICATORS OF TASMANIAN PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY.

Period	Production of Foodstuffs.									
	Dairy Products.			Meat (Bone-in Weight).				Bacon & Ham. (c)	Flour. (d)	
	Whole Milk Production (a). '000. Gals.	Factory Butter. Tons.	Factory Cheese. Tons.	Beef and Veal. Tons.	Mutton and Lamb. Tons.	Pigmeat. (b) Tons.	Total. Tons.	Tons.	Tons. (2000 lb.)	
MONTHLY AVERAGES.										
1938-39	2,902	338	118	912	527	251	1,690	85	1,632	
1952-53	3,428	505	22	1,153	888	261	2,302	74	2,356	
1953-54	3,970	605	24	917	923	224	2,064	79	2,534	
1954-55	4,335	694	23	1,139	992	286	2,417	86	2,484	
1955-56	5,117	830	28	1,285	981	303	2,569	87	2,321	
1956-57	5,355	869	28	1,493	1,051	279	2,823	76	2,421	
1957-58	5,388	885	27	1,670	1,102	351	3,123	74	2,387	
1958-59	5,515	900	29	1,700	1,367	409	3,476	76	2,466	
1959-60	5,852	979	27	1,929	1,732	446	4,107	74	2,573	
1960-61	5,321	855	29	1,408	1,577	421	3,406	69	2,424	
MONTHLY TOTALS.										
1960-61—Nov.	10,380	1,858	62	1,192	1,711	475	3,378	110	2,372	
Dec.	9,717	1,724	68	1,193	2,130	515	3,838	110	2,307	
Jan.	7,293	1,248	53	1,314	2,247	560	4,121	78	2,334	
Feb.	4,774	753	35	1,484	1,879	549	3,912	77	2,258	
Mar.	3,656	523	18	1,737	1,958	592	4,287	57	2,534	
Apr.	2,102	214	15	1,456	1,475	387	3,318	53	2,218	
1961-62—Nov.	10,650	1,892	82	1,589	2,287	562	4,438	82	2,523	
Dec.	9,727	1,710	80	1,393	2,171	535	4,099	116	2,160	
Jan.	8,356	1,450	74	1,634	2,048	561	4,243	59	2,558	
Feb.	6,130	1,012	70	1,664	1,949	528	4,141	57	2,442	
Mar.	5,524	880	87	1,833	1,874	504	4,211	61	2,506	
Apr.	4,097	610	55	1,517	1,369	502	3,388	54	1,980	

Period	Minerals.			Building Materials.				Paper Pulp. (g)	Electricity for all Purposes Except Traction.	Super-phosphate	Sulphuric Acid.	
	Coal.	Refined Zinc.	Cathode Copper.	Sawn Native Timber. (f)	Earthenware Bricks.	Portland Cement.	Fibrous Plaster Sheets.					
	Tons	Tons	Tons	'000 Sup. ft.	'000	Tons	'000 Sq. yds.	Tons	'000 K.W.H.	Tons	Tons	
MONTHLY AVERAGES												
1938-39	7,667	5,819	(e) 1,056	7,019	1,216	7,490	10	332	47,026	2,507	1,180	
1952-53	20,041	7,181	780	9,159	1,051	9,528	31	4,679	104,719	5,365	3,612	
1953-54	20,458	8,263	717	9,856	1,315	10,050	35	5,794	122,037	6,179	4,485	
1954-55	23,287	8,372	713	11,699	1,466	9,748	40	7,878	131,825	6,318	5,797	
1955-56	24,768	8,659	617	12,553	1,503	9,668	40	8,579	148,889	7,108	5,931	
1956-57	23,699	8,885	638	11,312	1,594	10,388	44	8,601	183,574	6,829	7,909	
1957-58	22,298	9,594	839	10,880	1,703	10,878	48	9,315	194,246	8,728	9,325	
1958-59	23,926	9,559	841	12,167	1,782	12,084	57	8,970	204,049	8,908	10,478	
1959-60	25,237	9,824	939	14,138	1,998	9,981	65	9,296	210,417	8,551	10,587	
1960-61	23,859	10,495	800	13,711	2,020	8,967	59	9,732	218,928	8,717	11,251	
MONTHLY TOTALS												
1960-61—	Nov.	29,171	10,287	852	16,741	2,292	9,538	72	10,301	214,778	8,703	11,042
	Dec.	20,090	10,680	628	12,324	1,853	8,793	50	8,232	202,579	11,524	12,004
	Jan.	10,987	10,632	239	9,760	1,780	5,313	44	8,546	198,460	12,106	12,013
	Feb.	22,029	9,859	259	14,586	2,007	8,196	55	9,196	197,738	10,864	11,085
	Mar.	22,310	11,057	737	13,988	2,101	8,910	62	8,159	216,115	11,302	11,840
	Apr.	21,597	10,875	978	10,377	1,397	8,028	53	9,174	215,167	9,560	9,871
1961-62 p—												
	Nov.	20,257	12,029	1,073	12,945	1,877	9,365	69	8,545	210,664	12,538	12,418
	Dec.	16,671	10,336	707	9,342	1,357	8,078	44	8,245	202,838	10,132	11,909
	Jan.	8,210	10,496	620	8,244	1,485	5,302	47	9,974	205,986	11,832	11,864
	Feb.	20,346	9,392	816	11,776	1,782	8,779	51	9,824	198,425	8,186	10,333
	Mar.	21,247	10,676	1,062	r 12,477	1,737	11,188	62	9,815	226,495	r 9,759	11,875
	Apr.	16,943	10,941	940	10,513	1,702	8,109	55	9,631	231,688	10,459	10,788

a) Including whole milk equivalent of factory butter and cheese produced.  
 b) Including pork for manufacture of bacon and ham.  
 c) Cured weight.  
 d) Including wheatmeal for baking.  
 e) Year ended 30th September for 1938-39 only.

(f) Including sawn equivalent of logs peeled or sliced.  
 (g) Ground wood pulp, chemical and semi-chemical pulp; figures to be used as an index of production only.  
 r Revised since previous issue.  
 p Preliminary—subject to revision.

# MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS—TASMANIA(a).

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register at End of Period.				New Motor Vehicles Registered During Period.			
	Motor-Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor-Cycles.	Total	Motor-Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor-Cycles.	Total
1938-39	17,668	5,036	3,656	26,360	2,010	700	350	3,060
1950-51	28,833	15,068	5,272	49,173	4,187	2,319	960	7,466
1951-52	32,548	16,817	5,739	55,104	4,267	2,073	938	7,278
1952-53	35,431	19,391	5,723	60,545	3,368	1,724	474	5,566
1953-54	39,973	19,740	5,649	65,362	4,718	1,896	450	7,064
1954-55	44,879	20,891	5,306	71,076	5,738	2,285	417	8,440
1955-56	48,969	22,384	4,800	76,153	5,457	2,179	332	7,968
1956-57	52,712	22,897	4,391	80,000	5,309	1,983	340	7,637
1957-58	56,873	24,029	4,018	84,920	5,337	1,944	225	7,506
1958-59	60,105	24,943	3,606	88,654	5,362	2,113	176	7,651
1959-60	64,746	26,088	3,123	93,957	6,527	2,115	96	8,738
1960-61	69,088	26,358	2,622	98,068	6,723	2,058	61	8,842
1961-62—Nov.	66,851	26,315	2,845	96,011	927	200	2	1,129
Dec.	67,145	26,347	2,790	96,282	638	138	8	784
Jan.	67,242	26,346	2,755	96,343	352	110	14	476
Feb.	67,464	26,297	2,723	96,484	426	174	11	611
Mar.	67,902	26,341	2,682	96,925	515	157	8	680
Apr.	67,919	26,405	2,652	96,976	420	147	2	569
1961-62—Nov.	71,513	26,875	2,625	101,013	622	132	6	760
Dec.	71,358	26,775	2,567	100,700	579	116	4	699
Jan.	71,995	26,876	2,581	101,452	444	114	7	565
Feb.	72,627	27,006	2,549	102,182	633	186	5	824
Mar.	72,770	26,951	2,525	102,246	684	184	4	872
Apr.	73,024	26,966	2,463	102,453	611	172	3	786

(a) Including Commonwealth-owned vehicles, other than Defence Service vehicles.

## TASMANIAN TRANSPORT SERVICES.

Period.	State Railways.					Urban Passenger Services (a) (other than Railways)			
	Gross Revenue. (b)	Working Costs (excluding interest). (b)	Train Miles Run. (c)	Passenger Journeys. Daily Average.	Goods and Livestock Carried. (b)	Hobart.		Launceston.	
						Car Miles Run.	Passenger Journeys. Daily Average.	Car Miles Run.	Passenger Journeys. Daily Average.
	£	£	Daily Average.	Daily Average.	Tons.	Daily Average.	Daily Average.	Daily Average.	Daily Average.
1938-39	40,577	48,641	(c) 5,223	6,292	70,292	4,102	29,972	1,752	14,319
1952-53	170,784	222,743	5,452	8,634	74,754	5,854	50,965	2,353	19,127
1953-54	181,608	225,684	5,198	8,998	80,658	5,744	44,733	2,420	18,121
1954-55	194,359	238,960	5,725	8,502	86,739	5,640	45,399	2,440	18,036
1955-56	212,064	253,162	5,768	8,156	89,595	(d) 6,588	(d) 50,028	(d) 2,523	(d) 18,006
1956-57	211,021	268,077	5,086	7,708	90,141	7,610	52,309	2,850	18,958
1957-58	214,103	248,384	4,296	6,697	91,308	8,802	55,413	2,861	19,006
1958-59	225,550	247,625	4,217	6,421	94,807	9,496	54,139	3,005	18,679
1959-60	233,482	257,776	4,006	6,263	99,627	9,834	53,679	3,069	18,356
1960-61	227,704	273,826	4,154	5,762	99,297	10,541	49,946	3,143	17,462
1960-61—Sept.	253,465	274,438	4,415	6,456	114,446	10,458	50,666	3,088	17,549
Oct.	232,942	271,677	4,152	7,149	106,451	10,311	49,602	3,127	17,790
Nov.	246,618	266,433	4,354	4,997	111,985	10,669	51,731	3,185	18,243
Dec.	220,464	266,443	3,892	4,989	89,476	10,325	50,062	3,065	16,841
Jan.	176,026	242,913	3,829	6,457	75,512	9,829	42,988	2,805	13,560
Feb.	224,472	237,573	4,246	6,556	97,299	10,804	51,724	3,311	18,871
Mar.	243,426	280,564	4,166	4,933	102,829	10,803	52,524	3,223	18,479
1961-62—Sept.	214,237	272,561	3,935	5,657	85,989	11,169	49,698	2,907	15,297
Oct.	228,351	261,574	4,071	5,646	90,890	10,721	49,788	2,923	16,159
Nov.	234,096	258,547	4,164	4,487	98,100	10,889	50,248	3,759	20,609
Dec.	199,582	242,129	3,542	4,444	80,159	10,110	44,946	2,748	14,408
Jan.	204,824	239,848	3,717	4,496	69,850	10,118	44,996	2,805	13,560
Feb.	234,764	245,194	4,060	6,419	94,756	10,714	52,799	3,895	22,564
Mar.	266,074	267,577	3,870	4,887	109,912	10,617	52,925	2,843	16,642

(a) Includes tram, omnibus and trolley-bus services; under Municipal control until taken over by Metropolitan Transport Trust on 1.7.55. Trams ceased operating Hobart 21.10.60; Launceston 13.12.52.  
(b) Monthly averages for annual periods; and monthly totals.

(c) Figures for 1938-39 are not comparable with those for 1952-53 and subsequent periods.

(d) Figures prior to 1955-56 are not strictly comparable with later figures due to acquisition by Metropolitan Transport Trust of omnibus services not included in previous statistics. See note (a) above.

# TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS—TASMANIA.

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register (a)	Accidents Involving Casualties Classified According to Responsibility (b).							Traffic Accident Casualties.	
		Drivers of Motor Vehicles.	Motor- cyclists.	Pedest- rians.	Vehicular Defects.	Road Conditions.	Other Causes.	Total	Persons Killed	Persons Injured.
-49	38,853	248	87	134	67	77	195	808	53	952
-50	43,160	313	158	161	72	71	194	969	64	1,154
-51	49,173	310	170	178	91	80	184	1,013	57	1,212
-52	55,104	401	150	172	67	85	152	1,027	87	1,215
-53	60,545	396	151	180	70	71	160	1,028	56	1,246
-54	65,362	385	130	170	80	94	123	982	67	1,156
-55	71,076	399	113	147	51	61	93	864	57	1,111
-56	76,151	443	88	186	42	39	76	874	72	1,046
-57	80,000	431	71	171	45	63	71	852	65	1,107
-58	84,920	435	67	126	33	38	81	780	70	1,002
-59	88,654	420	49	170	41	45	66	791	68	990
-60	93,957	425	52	129	33	28	76	743	79	1,004
-61	98,068	506	21	177	38	37	65	844	75	1,157
months ended Mar.—										
1961	96,925	385	14	135	31	26	44	635	60	893
1962	102,246	399	26	101	32	23	50	631	52	882
July	97,946	61	4	17	3	7	8	100	6	80
August	98,496	44	1	12	4	2	4	67	7	133
September	98,262	41	4	6	2	1	5	59	4	84
October	99,566	46	2	12	5	1	7	73	8	106
November	101,013	39	3	10	4	1	4	61	4	70
December	100,700	56	3	14	5	4	9	91	8	137
January	101,452	48	3	8	1	3	4	67	1	114
February	102,182	34	3	10	1	2	5	55	3	66
March	102,246	30	3	12	7	2	4	58	11	85

(a) At end of period; includes commercial vehicles, cars and motor cycles and Commonwealth-owned vehicles, other than Defence Service vehicles.

(b) As determined at the time of accident. Accidents not involving casualties are required to be reported only in certain circumstances.

## POST OFFICE ACTIVITY—TASMANIA.

Period.	Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department (a).	Broadcast Listeners' Licences.		Television Viewers' Licences.		Telephone Services Connected at End of Period.	
		New Issues. £	In Force at End of Period. Average.	New Issues.	In Force at End of Period.	Lines.	Instruments
938-39	39,053	39,053	(b)	39,392	....	14,144	18,013
952-53	144,806	559	70,710	....	....	29,214	39,429
953-54	157,088	518	71,047	....	....	30,837	41,816
954-55	165,209	451	71,745	....	....	33,245	45,501
955-56	175,203	554	74,732	....	....	36,210	49,344
956-57	199,617	388	73,459	....	....	38,937	53,059
957-58	223,391	515	75,915	3	43	40,891	56,059
958-59	234,346	569	76,419	3	74	43,346	59,839
959-60	272,573	401	78,899	384	4,661	45,758	63,377
960-61	302,611	393	77,419	1,222	18,991	(c) 48,871	66,609
Monthly Totals.							
960-61—April	297,134	505	77,531	752	17,188	48,395	(d)
May	344,918	341	77,319	1,123	18,294	48,599	(d)
June	290,488	325	77,419	997	18,991	48,871	66,609
961-62—July	333,161	290	77,012	995	19,747	49,094	(d)
August	298,491	468	76,780	1,356	20,195	49,346	(d)
September	279,510	286	76,424	674	20,578	49,598	(d)
October	325,644	261	76,208	521	20,976	49,804	(d)
November	328,583	326	76,046	492	21,524	49,965	(d)
December	302,302	210	76,066	327	21,846	50,124	(d)
January	330,845	197	76,177	350	22,273	50,200	(d)
February	302,388	275	76,605	336	22,619	50,399	(d)
March	297,987	304	76,417	614	23,359	50,582	(d)
April	307,876	309	74,356	624	23,607	50,764	(d)

Actual collections.  
Not available.  
Available as at end of financial years only.

(c) Break in continuity of series; from July, 1960, figures include additional subscribers connected by means of the duplex system.

**CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND BANKING STATISTICS—TASMANIA.**  
**£'000.**

Period.	Consolidated Revenue.		Cheque-Paying Banks. (Including Commonwealth Trading Bank)				Savings Banks Deposits (a).	
	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Deposits. (b)	Advances. (b)	Bank Clearings— Weekly Averages (c)		Trustee Sav- ings Banks— Hobart and Launceston.	Total (All Savings Banks).
					Hobart.	Launceston.		
1938-39	3,615	3,641	(d)	(d)	623	258	6,038	8,396
1954-55	15,095	15,307	32,913	21,835	3,639	1,597	22,046	35,809
1955-56	18,011	17,896	34,281	22,291	3,962	1,700	22,899	37,211
1956-57	18,958	19,772	36,115	21,655	4,237	1,799	23,506	38,759
1957-58	20,802	21,614	36,019	21,498	4,427	1,957	24,122	40,241
1958-59	21,851	22,759	36,702	22,689	4,893	2,114	25,442	42,462
1959-60	24,296	25,328	38,503	23,140	6,062	2,496	27,257	46,356
1960-61	26,886	27,084	38,732	24,472	7,122	2,557	27,969	47,388
1960-61—Feb.	1,814	2,246	38,674	25,038	6,308	2,443	(e) 28,652	(e) 47,820
Mar.	2,737	2,363	39,324	23,832	7,715	2,792	28,353	47,325
April	2,444	2,579	39,479	24,319	7,327	2,289	28,335	47,325
May	2,562	2,890	37,893	23,706	7,722	2,469	28,129	47,037
June	4,297	2,261	38,227	24,005	7,805	2,447	27,969	(f) 47,388
1961-62—July	1,586	1,527	37,975	24,382	7,574	2,615	28,241	47,753
Aug.	1,495	2,267	37,840	24,618	6,206	2,583	(g) 28,673	(g) 48,323
Sept.	2,915	2,522	37,950	24,580	6,283	2,226	(h) 28,904	(h) 48,758
Oct.	1,630	3,216	38,321	24,954	7,262	2,611	28,827	48,866
Nov.	1,883	3,085	38,391	25,242	6,386	2,252	28,810	49,006
Dec.	2,934	2,145	39,266	24,008	7,164	3,217	28,731	49,114
Jan.	1,913	1,492	39,664	24,161	5,905	1,902	28,788	49,305
Feb.	1,892	2,603	39,758	25,338	6,552	2,687	(i) 29,114	(i) 49,796
Mar.	2,990	2,776	41,201	23,991	8,026	3,104	(j) 29,348	(j) 50,135
April	(k) 3,122	(k) 3,119	41,648	25,171	7,305	2,586	29,259	50,053

(a) At end of period.

(b) Average of weekly figures.

(c) Figures not exhaustive as cheques deposited in banks on which they are drawn are not included.

(d) Comparable figures not available.

(e) Trustee Savings Banks interest £446,000 added.

(f) Commonwealth Savings Bank interest, £507,000 added.

(g) Trustee Savings Bank interest, £259,000 added.

(h) Trustee Savings Bank interest, £220,000 added.

(i) Trustee Savings Bank interest, £278,000 added.

(j) Trustee Savings Bank interest, £235,000 added.

(k) Deficit for ten months ended April, 1962, £2,391,032, compared with a deficit of £1,906,187 for the corresponding period in 1960-61.

**INTEREST RATES AND SECURITY YIELDS.**  
**Per Cent Per Annum.**

Date of Change in Rate	Trading Banks: Interest on Fixed Deposits.				Hobart Savings Bank.		Treasury Bills.	Commonwealth Government Securities (a).	
	3 Months.	6 Months.	12 Months.	24 Months.	Interest Rate (maxi- mum) on Deposits.	Mortgage Rate on Advances for Homes.		Theoretical 2 Years.	Theoretical 15 Years.
1941—1st March	1.50	2.00	2.25	2.50	2.75	4.25	1.50	....	....
22nd Sept.	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	2.75	4.25	1.50	....	....
1942—1st March	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	2.25	4.25	1.50	....	....
14th Mar.	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	4.25	1.50	....	....
1943—1st March	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	4.00	1.50	2.47	3.23
1st May	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	4.00	1.25	2.49	3.24
1944—17th Jan.	1.00	1.25	1.50	2.00	2.25	4.00	1.25	2.47	3.24
11th Aug.	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	2.25	4.00	1.25	2.43	3.24
1945—1st March	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	2.25	4.00	1.00	2.48	3.25
1st Dec.	0.50	0.75	1.00	(b) 1.50	2.25	4.00	1.00	2.46	3.25
1949—1st Jan.	0.50	0.75	1.00	(b) 1.50	2.25	3.87	1.00	2.10	3.10
1st May	0.50	0.75	1.00	(b) 1.50	2.25	3.87	0.75	2.00	3.13
1951—1st Sept.	0.50	0.75	1.00	(b) 1.50	2.25	4.00	0.75	2.04	3.83
1952—29th July	1.00	1.25	1.50	(c) 1.75	2.25	4.00	1.00	2.40	4.51
1st Aug.	1.00	1.25	1.50	(c) 1.75	2.25	4.50	1.00	2.58	4.49
1st Sept.	1.00	1.25	1.50	(c) 1.75	2.50	4.50	1.00	2.94	4.61
1955—1st Jan.	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.75	4.75	1.00	3.35	4.49
1956—1st March	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	3.00	5.00	1.00	4.68	5.12
15th Mar.	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	3.00	5.00	1.00	4.68	5.12
4th Dec.	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	3.00	5.00	1.00	4.69	5.09
1957—1st April	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	3.00	5.25	1.00	4.77	5.06
1st Nov.	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	3.00	5.50	1.00	4.43	5.00
1958—1st Nov.	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	3.25	5.50	1.00	4.24	4.96
1960—17th Nov.	4.00	4.00	4.50	(d)	3.25	5.50	1.00	5.35	5.19
1961—1st Jan.	4.00	4.00	4.50	(d)	3.50	5.75	1.00	5.50	5.34
1st July	4.00	4.00	4.25	(d)	3.75	5.75	1.00	4.93	5.34
1962—13th April	3.75	3.75	4.00	(d)	3.75	5.75	1.00	4.38	4.93

(a) Source: Reserve Bank. Yields are to last date of redemption and figures relate to last Wednesday in month. Since July, 1959, figures relate to theoretical 2 and 15 year securities. Previously yields were weighted averages of yields on securities maturing in 0-5 and 10 or more years respectively. Income

tax rebate of 2s. in the pound has not been taken into account.

(b) 1 per cent on amounts in excess of £10,000.

(c) 1.50 per cent on amounts in excess of £10,000.

(d) Maximum term of 12 months.

# LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS—TASMANIA.

Period.	New Policies Issued (a)					New Loans Granted by Life Assurance Companies (b)			
	Ordinary Department		Industrial Department		Total Sum Assured	On Mortgage of Real Estate	On Companies' Policies.	On Other Securities.	Total Loans Granted
	No.	Sum Assured	No.	Sum Assured					
Monthly Averages—		£'000.		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1948-49	623	350	641	63	413	22	5	...	27
1949-50	731	439	617	63	502	18	6	...	24
1950-51	796	549	664	72	621	38	6	...	44
1951-52	865	694	633	76	770	69	10	...	79
1952-53	855	726	624	83	809	49	10	13	72
1953-54	915	872	508	76	948	57	9	...	66
1954-55	1,029	1,051	465	72	1,123	136	10	...	146
1955-56	1,045	1,200	394	68	1,268	166	16	...	182
1956-57	1,007	1,269	406	72	1,341	166	18	1	185
1957-58	950	1,363	404	73	1,436	185	18	3	206
1958-59	1,082	1,520	387	75	1,595	194	21	2	217
1959-60	1,341	1,976	371	74	2,050	222	23	3	248
1960-61	1,337	2,223	339	88	2,311	218	38	1	257
Monthly Totals—									
1960—Sept.	1,866	2,688	471	119	2,807	270	29	1	300
October	1,072	1,685	396	104	1,789	190	34	...	224
Nov.	1,170	2,245	425	97	2,342	285	37	4	326
Dec.	1,799	3,650	335	100	3,750	420	57	...	477
1961—Jan.	874	1,034	90	17	1,051	163	24	1	188
Feb.	807	1,176	300	75	1,251	195	43	1	239
1961—Sept.	1,828	2,855	427	110	2,965	150	31	2	183
October	1,098	1,892	288	69	1,961	186	34	...	220
Nov.	1,018	1,890	273	75	1,965	169	39	...	208
Dec.	1,617	3,392	253	78	3,470	162	31	...	193
1962—Jan.	609	892	95	24	916	104	23	1	128
Feb.	849	1,487	253	70	1,557	118	31	2	151

(a) Excludes annuity policies.

(b) Exclusive of advances of premiums.

## AREA, PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF HOPS—TASMANIA.

(Quantities are expressed as dry weight).

Season.	Number of Growers.	Area.			Production.	Yield Per Bearing Acre.	Gross Value of Crop to Producers.	Exports (b)
		Bearing.	Not Bearing.	Total.				
	No.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	'000 lb.	lb.	£'000	'000 lb.
1952	76	1,313	65	1,378	1,716	1,307	429	1,394
1953	75	1,296	36	1,332	3,014	2,326	829	2,773
1954	85	1,281	69	1,350	2,145	1,674	590	1,947
1955	84	1,331	36	1,367	2,983	2,286	820	2,716
1956	95	1,312	65	1,377	3,169	2,354	871	2,910
1957	97	1,405	33	1,438	2,147	1,528	617	1,936
1958	96	1,410	31	1,441	2,870	2,035	849	2,593
1959	97	1,430	13	1,443	3,384	2,367	1,015	3,119
1960	99	1,436	25	1,461	2,800	1,950	875	2,766
1961	103	1,406	41	1,447	2,819	2,004	881	2,677
1962 (a)	104	1,401	69	1,470	2,837	2,025	922	(c)

(a) Preliminary; subject to minor revision.

(b) Relating, in the main, to season of production indicated.

(c) Not yet available.

# RAINFALL OF TASMANIA IN DISTRICTS.

## Index Showing Ratio of Actual to Average (a) Rainfall for each Month.

Period.	Agriculture, Dairying, and Mixed Farming.		Grazing (mainly Sheep).		Orcharding and Mixed Farming.		Dairy Farming.	Mining.
	Northern.	King Is.	Central Plateau.	Midlands.	Derwent Valley.	South-East.	East Coast.	West Coast.
1953	106	121	109	107	89	125	89	115
1954	92	104	79	79	81	106	90	89
1955	132	118	97	104	79	99	110	96
1956	141	138	128	142	111	148	169	110
1957	84	107	80	92	76	108	88	95
1958	108	114	109	121	126	149	124	107
1959	78	83	76	77	73	83	98	84
1960	109	139	109	115	98	116	122	95
1961	77	93	69	68	67	74	86	78
1961—February	55	85	40	49	53	77	40	85
March	22	48	39	64	37	43	59	55
April	200	265	133	177	102	90	147	97
May	55	103	59	53	69	78	43	103
June	81	116	117	64	101	97	72	135
July	96	143	70	87	85	143	152	79
August	72	93	67	74	81	100	110	45
September	38	60	74	57	65	84	42	64
October	70	94	45	35	30	54	45	82
November	74	68	62	64	58	40	131	65
December	138	64	73	53	51	66	193	99
1962—January	102	54	46	106	51	88	137	43
February	86	116	92	67	70	55	69	128
March	116	134	116	90	119	76	26	156
April	35	35	58	64	76	79	32	47

(a) Up to and including 1958 *average* rainfall for each year (represented by 100) is the average over the period 1911-1940. As from 1st January, 1959, a long period average from a selection of representative stations is used.

### SEASONAL CONDITIONS—TASMANIA.

**Rainfall.**—The pattern of abnormally low rainfall persisted throughout April, 1962, the only exceptions being in a few places in the Derwent and South-East where aggregates of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches were above average.

Upper Scamander with 47 points was the State's driest area, the bulk of the North-West and North-East received under one inch while the Central North recorded falls just over the inch. Most of the Midlands, Derwent, South-East and Central Plateau recorded  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches while West Coast falls approached 5 inches.

Rain was general on the 3rd, 4th, 28th and 29th while the second and third weeks of the month were unrelieved by worthwhile rain except on the West Coast and in parts of the South-East.

Hobart lifted restrictions on 30th April, thus ending the longest restriction period ever experienced in the city.

**Temperature.**—The pattern of above average mean day temperatures persisted in all areas except King Island and a few places on the Central Plateau. Departures from normal of  $+3^{\circ}$  were recorded for the month.

Warmest areas were the Central North, North-East and Flinders Island with mean maxima in excess of  $65^{\circ}\text{F}$ . Warmest days were the 3rd, 22nd, 23rd and the period 25th to 27th with some readings exceeding  $80^{\circ}$  at South Eastern stations on the 26th. Coldest days were the 4th, 9th, 29th and 30th.

Mean night temperatures varied above or below normal by  $1^{\circ}$  for the month with  $-2^{\circ}$  as the greatest departure.

**Frosts, &c.**—In the highlands, frosts occurred on all mornings except the 3rd, 4th, 12th and the period 25th to the 29th. Light hail was reported from the South-East on the 3rd. On the 4th, snow settled as low as 3000 feet at places on the Central Plateau; lighter falls were recorded on the 9th, 15th and 28th.

**Crops and Water Supplies.**—In the Huon and Tamar Valleys, the fruit harvest continued under ideal conditions. The outlook in the lower Midlands and Derwent Valley was much brighter but further rains were needed to produce useful autumn growth. The East Coast round Swansea needed several inches to give even reasonable winter prospects.

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- Part v (ii)—Production Secondary Industries, 1960-61.
- Part vi (i)—Public Finance, 1960-61.
- Part vi (ii)—Local Government Finance, 1960-61.

### MIMEOGRAPHED STATISTICAL STATEMENTS.

S.S. 1962: No. 20—Hop Production, Tasmania: Season, 1961-1962.

S.S. 1962: No. 21—Motor Vehicle Registrations, Tasmania: Month of May, 1962.

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